



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. K. Rouhanian
ICHIRO TANAKA)
: Group Art Unit: 1756
Application No.: 09/654,038)
: Filed: September 1, 2000)
: For: TWO-DIMENSIONAL PHASE)
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Sir:

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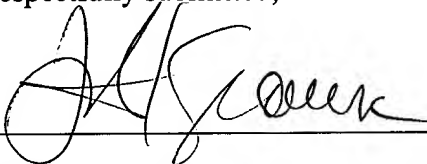
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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